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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DICK HOLBROOKE AND PATT DERIAN

1. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO LEARN FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE
THAT EXTAFF HAS INSTRUCTED THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK
TO INTERVIEW CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND TO GATHER
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MATERIAL FOR USE AT THE SUBCOMMISSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION WHICH STARTS IN GENEVA AUGUST 28. WE HAD BEEN
CONCERNED AT APPARENT EARLIER CANADIAN DECISION NOT TO
GATHER SUCH MATERIAL, AND HOPE THEIR PRESENT DECISION MEANS
THEY ARE PREPARED TO JOIN WITH US, UK, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS
IN MAKING GOOD PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN
CAMBODIA AT THE SUBCOMMISSION.

2. CANADA'S ROLE IN THIS IS AN OBVIOUS ONE, IN VIEW OF ITS LONG-TIME MEMBERSHIP ON THE INDOCHINA ICC, AND IN VIEW OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS EARLIER THIS YEAR CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CAMBODIA. WE UNDERSTAND JAMIESON IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND HOPE THE DECISION TO GATHER EVIDENCE THROUGH INTERVIEWS REFLECTS HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO CALL ON EXTAFF AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO DISCUSS THIS, TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER OUR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DO (POSSIBLY WITH UK AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS WELL) TO PREPARE FOR THE AUGUST MEETING. WE NOTE THAT CANADA HAS NO EXPERT MEMBER ON THE SUBCOMMISSION (IN WHICH MEMBERS SPEAK IN PERSONAL CAPACITIES), BUT ASSUME CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED AS AN OBSERVER.

4. ONE THOUGHT THAT OCCURS TO US, FOR CANADA TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE CAMBODIA ITEM, WOULD BE FOR THEM TO CONSIDER HAVING AS THEIR OBSERVER REPRESENTATIVE MR. PIERRE DE BANE, M.P. WE UNDERSTAND DE BANE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN INITIATING THE HOUSE OF COMMONS RESOLUTION, AND HAS SPOKEN EFFECTIVELY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA. LEAVE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SUCH A SUGGESTION TO YOUR DISCRETION. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT CURRENT PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE SEEN AS PRELIMINARY TO THE CRUCIAL ROLE WHICH CANADA WILL PLAY AT THE NEXT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SESSION (FEBRUARY), AT WHICH, FYI, WE EXPECT CANADA MAY BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

6. USG HAS SENT ITS PUBLIC SUBMISSION DETAILING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CAMBODIA TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STAFF IN GENEVA, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUBCOMMISSION WHEN IT TAKES UP THIS ITEM. (COPY OF OUR SUBMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE, AND FORWARDED, WE UNDERSTAND, TO OTTAWA.) DATE HAS PASSED FOR SUCH PRIOR SUBMISSIONS, BUT WE HOPE CANADA WILL FIND A WAY TO MAKE THE MATERIAL NOW BEING GATHERED IN THAILAND AVAILABLE TO THE SUBCOMMISSION WHEN IT MEETS. ACCORDING TO THE HRC STAFF, THE CAMBODIA ITEM IS LIKELY TO COME UP SEPTEMBER 4-8. CHRISTOPHER

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